

## SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday, September 26

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Mar-  
tyrs

Saturday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (1581-1660)** founded the Congregation of the Mission, Daughters of Charity, Confraternities of Charity, and Ladies of Charity. A man of deep faith, keen intellect, and enormous creativity, St. Vincent de Paul has become known as the “The Apostle of Charity” and “Father of the Poor.” His contributions to the training of priests and organizing parish missions and other services for the poor shaped the Church’s role in the world.

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam (1813-1853) was a husband and father, professor, and servant of the poor. He founded the Society of St. Vincent de

Paul as a young student with others of the Sorbonne in Paris. Frédéric’s writings on social justice anticipated the first social encyclical of our modern times, *Rerum Novarum*.

On November 20, 1845, just 12 years after its founding in France, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul established roots in the United States in St. Louis, Missouri. Several people fostered the Society’s growth and development in the U.S., including Father John Timon, an American Vincentian priest who brought copies of the Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul from Dublin, Ireland, to St. Louis. Timon spoke with various people about the Society’s work with the poor, including Bishop Peter Richard Kenrick. Kenrick asked Father Ambrose Heim, known for extraordinary zeal and ministry with the poor, to establish the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and be its spiritual advisor. Father Heim became “The Priest of the Poor.”

The Conference was formally recognized by the Society’s International Council in Paris on February 2, 1846, and would never have opened without the dedicated laypeople who accepted the initial invitation to become members and serve the poor. adapted from <https://ssvpusa.org/about-us/history/>

### 11/14-16: RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT

post-abortion reconciliation and healing Dominican Retreat and Conference Center, Niskayuna; \$195 for room, board, materials; for information or to register, contact: Pat Mousaw 518-222-1160, Katie Boli-baugh 518-495-3574, or [rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com).

**BUILDING COMMUNITY:** The Parish Pastoral Council has begun a planning process for realizing our vision (top of front page) and mission (inside left panel). **The next Council meeting is next Sunday, October 13, after mass with the coffee hour. Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend and participate!**

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are blessed to have you worship with us as we nurture each other in faith. While visiting our community, we humbly ask you to consider investing in our parish offertory and Diocesan Appeal to ensure our parish and Diocese can be your partner in faith.

## DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank’s Bill Pay for auto-payments or use envelopes on the back table.

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

**GOAL: \$6,379**



# Holy Cross Parish

A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

### WE CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS

Many of us have a confused, guilt-ridden, obsessive attitude about money. At the end of Luke’s parable of the so-called dishonest steward, Jesus creates a clear dualism between God and wealth, or what he calls “mammon”: “You cannot serve God and mammon” (Luke 16:13). Mammon was the god of wealth, money, superficiality, and success. Jesus says, in effect, “You’ve finally got to make a choice.” Most of Jesus’ teaching is nondual, but in a few areas where he’s absolutely dualistic (either-or), and it’s usually anything having to do with power or money.

Jesus is absolute about money and power because he knows what we’re going to do. Most of us will serve this god called mammon. Luke’s Gospel even describes mammon as a type of illness, as Jesuit John Haughey (1930-2019) explained: “Mammon is not simply a neutral term in Luke. It is not simply money. It connotes disorder. . . . Mammon becomes then a source of disorder because people allow it to make a claim on them that only God can make.” “Mammon illness” takes over when we think all of life is counting, weighing, measuring, and deserving. We go to places that have sales, so that we don’t have to give as much to get the same thing.

To participate in the reign of God, we have to stop counting—stop weighing, measuring, and deserving to let the flow of forgiveness and love flow through us. The love of God can’t be doled out by any process whatsoever. We can’t earn it. We can’t lose it. When we stay in the world of earning and losing, we live in perpetual resentment, envy, or climbing.

Religion cannot work from a calculator without losing its very method, mind, foundation, and source. Surely this is what Jesus meant by his statement in Luke’s Gospel. Perhaps if we say it a bit differently, we can all get the point: “You cannot move around inside the world of Infinite Grace and Mercy, and at the same time be counting and measuring with your overly defensive and finite little mind.” It would be like asking an ant to map the galaxies. St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) put it much more directly to a nun worried about God keeping track of her many failings: “There is a science about which [God] knows nothing—addition!” The reign of God is a worldview of abundance. God lifts us up from a worldview of scarcity to infinity. Remember every part of infinity is still infinite! God’s love is nothing less than infinite. adapted from <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-azhitk-tdduxulkd-v/>

### For Reflection

- ★ How often do I pray for leaders and those in authority?
- ★ How attached am I to material possessions, and how can I let go of that attachment?

<https://young-catholics.com/3651/25th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

# Holy Cross Parish

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<https://parishes.rcda.org/holycross/>

Facebook: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](https://www.facebook.com/HCMorris)

*Find our bulletin and Pastoral Council minutes on our website. If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email: [holycrossRCchurch@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossRCchurch@gmail.com)*

## MISSION

To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized.

## SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Thursday, 10 a.m.

RECONCILIATION: St. Mary's Oneonta, every Saturday 4–4:45 p.m. Call the parish office (607-432-3920) for a different time.

## PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Associate (Parish Leader)

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

## Trustees

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

## Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

## Parish Pastoral Council Members

Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

## Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

## Faith Formation & RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults]

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

## Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Holy Father's September intention: May we, inspired by Saint Francis, know our interdependence with all creatures, loved by God and worthy of respect.

## Living Caring Community

### HELP TO OFFER? NEED ASSISTANCE?

- ☼ Butternut Valley Food Pantry  
166 Marion Avenue, Gilbertsville NY  
(607) 783-2267  
Thurs., 3–5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ☼ The Lord's Table & Food Pantry  
305 Main Street, Oneonta NY  
(607) 432-1458  
Mon./Weds./Fri., 4–5:30 p.m.
- ☼ The Magic Closet  
158 East Main Street, Morris NY  
(607) 263-5116 or (607) 263-5859  
Weds./Sat. 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ☼ My Neighbor's Closet  
3097 County Highway 11, Hartwick NY  
(607) 431-8320/cooperstownangel@gmail.com  
Tues/Sat: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. / Weds: 4–7 p.m.  
*Contact if you need someone to shop for you and coordinate getting you items.*
- ☼ Helios Grief Support  
Group counseling for adults in Otsego, Schoharie, Delaware counties. See helios-care.org; call (607) 432-5525.
- ☼ Friends of Recovery, Delaware/Otsego  
Grassroots addiction recovery by, about, for individuals and families in recovery  
22 Elm Street, Oneonta NY  
(607) 267-4435  
Mon/Tues/Fri: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Weds/Thurs: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
- ☼ Holy Sews  
Sew burial layettes for infants: (607) 432-5125; [holysewsononeonta@yahoo.com](mailto:holysewsononeonta@yahoo.com)
- ☼ Oneonta Community Health Center  
No-cost healthcare services for uninsured adults (607) 433-0300  
Office hours: Tues. 6–8 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

09/21: Rosary after mass

09/25: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

09/28: Special Collection for Catholic Universities

10/02: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/03: First Friday devotion, 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/05: Christian Formation after mass

10/09: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/10–11: Harvest Festival, Sacred Heart Sidney

10/11: Blessing of the Animals, 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's Oneonta

10/12: Coffee hour after mass, **Pastoral Council meeting after mass - Come join us!**

10/14: Rosary Society, 9 a.m. mass, potluck brunch at 12 p.m., Sacred Heart Sidney

10/16: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/19: Special Collection for Mission Sunday  
Rosary after mass

## SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION RETREAT

Presented by Sr. Marcella Kiessel, OSF at Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara, Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Cost: \$75, includes retreat, lunch, and book *Teillard de Chardin Seven Stages of Suffering*. For information or to register: 716-754-7376, Ext. 2.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Mass Attendance: 54

Collection: \$815.00

Religious Education: \$67.00

## SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

### Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

**Greeter:** Peg Lilley

**Deacon:** Paul Cerosaletti

**Lector:** Marguerite Webster

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jen Spivey, Carol Tyson

September 28

**Greeter:** Joe Tyson

**Lector:** Dana Mochovciak

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane Turner, Toni Zaleski, Jen Spivey

### Mass Intention

#### Pro Populo

**If you would like to request an intention for a mass, call Kerry (607) 386-1951 with the intention, your name, and call back number OR use the parish email (see left panel).**

### Pray for

- ✠ for the sick, their caregivers, and all who asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Kathleen Barry, Jo Franklin, Sarah Grogan, Agnes Huff, Maureen Joy, Nadine Joy, Michelle Lee, Fred Lemister, Carol and Jessica MacCumber, Teresa Meyers, Rich Morley, Mark Muller, Clara Murphy, John Neary, Diane Neczesny, Karen Newell, John O'Brien, Kathy Osborne, Maria Papendrea, Scarlett Parry, Evelyn Rowe, Martin Smith, Mike Stensland, Pat Stensland, Joe and Carol Tyson, Janet VanZandt, John Zaleski
- ✠ for all those in our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer
- ✠ for the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends, Betty O'Brien
- ✠ in thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV who celebrated his birthday last Sunday